WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

MARCH 5, 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

To parents of young children: Relax!

God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- -Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.
- -Explain the parts of the service and action of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- -Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.

If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.

As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC:**

OLD CHURCH CHOIR YOUR GREAT NAME

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

\*A SONG OF PRAISE: GREAT ARE YOU LORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: LED BY DEBBIE WALLIN:

LEADER: SING TOGETHER! CELEBRATE GOD!

PEOPLE: GOD PROTECTS US FROM ALL OUR TROUBLE.

LEADER: GOD FORGIVES US AND COVERS OUR SINS.

PEOPLE: GOD SURROUNDS US WITH SONGS OF DELIVERANCE.

ALL: THEREFORE, LET ALL GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING, AND WORSHIP GOD.

## \*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY DEBBIE WALLIN:

O Lord, we come before you this morning with praise and thanksgiving. Open our minds to what you have to teach us. Open our hearts to your love, and enable us to love you in a new and more profound way. Open our souls to the joy that can only be found in you. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **CARDBOARD TESTIMONIES**

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH KYRA DEMOSS

This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of our worship and song. Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.

After the Children's Moments your child is welcome to:

- -Stay and be part of the worship service.
- -Attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade-upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers)
- -Attend the Nursery (Ages: Newborn-Pre-K-main level, down the hall with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers)

## \*A SONG OF PREPARATION: HE TOUCHED ME

**UMH 367** 

#### SCRIPTURE: PSALM 34.4 AND ISAIAH 9:2

This is the Word of God. Do you believe it?

Yes, we believe it!

TESTIMONY OF JOSH TAYLOR

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*A SONG OF INVITATION: FREELY, FREELY

**UMH 389** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

## \* CONGRAGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

## **P**OSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today, March 5: UMW Crockpot Fundraiser:

**Pecans:** The Hospitality Team is still selling Pecans

Wednesday Night Dinner: Main Dish March 1-complimets of Ana Smith

**30 Hour Famine:** The Youth are accepting donations of \$2.00 for each fingerprint represented on the poster in the Sanctuary to raise money for World Vision. Their goal is to raise \$3,800.00.

**Common Grounds:** March 16. at 6:00 pm. We will be serving inside again at Johnson Memorial UMC and will need volunteers.

#### WEEKLY:

**Prayer Breakfast :** Thursdays at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park. We will start with a devotion, pray over our prayer list, and enjoy fellowship together. You pay for your meal. **Eat, Study, Pray (ESP)** Tuesdays at noon. Mary DeMoss leads our bible study. Bring your own **lunch.** 

Wednesday Dinner/Bible Study:

Dinner at 6:00 pm Bible Study at 6:30 pm. WNK: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 5:00—5:55 pm.

God's Big House-Sunday Morning at 10:00 am for ages Pre-K—5th grade.

**Donate to Cross Roads UMC**-scan the bar code for quick access to the Cross Roads website. Click "donate" to reach our safe, online Donation app, Tithe.ly.



# **Cross Roads United Methodist Church**

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



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## **Communion Liturgy:**

God is here with us and with you!

God is also with you!

Let's give our hearts, intentions, and thoughts over to God.

We give them all joyfully!

Let's also give thanks to God who gets everything!

Of course, God gets everything! God made everything! Let's show our thanks and honor God.

You're so right! Giving God our thanks and honor is the best thing we can ever do!

So, let's do it:

God, you created everything; every living thing was put on Earth by you.

All people of every nation belong to you!

So, together with all creation (everything on earth and in heaven)

we give you praise and join in with the world's eternal song of praise:

Holy, incredible, unimaginable God, full of power and strength, all of heaven

and earth are full of the signs of your glory! You amaze us! And your Son Jesus whom you sent is equally amazing! We are continually amazed by you!

God you are amazing and so is your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through your holy plan (Christ's birth, death, and resurrection)

Your Church was born.

You saved us from the power of sin and eternal death

and you made a new agreement with us through baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Christ sent us to tell the whole world about his love

and now we, his family, are joining together at his holy table.

As a way to remember Christ's perfect love and life

we happily and thankfully give you back our lives as holy, living sacrifices.

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Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it and said to his friends: "This is my blood given to you as a new agreement between humans and God. Drink it and remember me."

Just as the grain that was used to make this bread was once scattered over the land and then gathered together to make this one loaf,

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